Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Dec. 12th 1881.

The Council met this evening, His Worship in the chair. Present—Alds. Pritchard, Smyth, Wilson, Murray, O'Meara, Cowan, Jones, Stringer, Love, Milroy, Higgins, Ferguson, Browne, Adams, Rayner, Scarrow, Buckle, Partridge, Sharman.

After reading and confirmation of the minutes, the clerk read the following

COMMUNICATIONS:

From Y. M. C. A., application for gas lamp in front of hall. Fire, Water and Gas.

John Mason, asking use of City Hall for Assembly on 26th inst. Granted.

From John Drake, asking position of Weigh Clerk during the absence of Mr. Winnett. Market.

From A. Wallace, asking an increase of salary as Assessor. Salary.

From Hugh Brock, asking appointment as Hospital Steward. Hospital.

From David Borland, asking appointment as Hospital Steward. Hospital.

From Drs. Edwards and McArthur, claim of $10 for damage to horse and buggy. Board of Works.

From E. T. Essery, claiming amount of $73.28 due Wm. J. Lucas for work done on Exhibition Grounds. Exhibition.

From V. Cronyn, S H. Wood, and Wm. A. Gunn, asking a reduction in assessment. Court of Revision.

From Town Clerk of Edinburgh, circular relative to International Fishery Exhibition to be held in April, 1882, in Edinburgh. Exhibition.

From J. Green and Wm. Robinson, report of Exhibition Work Valuators. The total amount of extras on work not contracted for was $2,470.94. Exhibition and Special Committees.

BY LAWS.

The by-law for leasing the stalls in the basement of the Covent Garden Market House was read, the requisite number of terms and passed.

CEDAR PAVEMENT.

By law to provide for laying the rates to pay for the construction of the cedar block pavement on Dundas street between Richmond and Ridout streets and for borrowing money on the security of the said rates was read the 1st, 2nd and 3rd times and passed.

Account Southam & Brierly, for heating Registry Office, $40.

FINANCE.

Ald. Cowan chairman of the Finance Committee submitted the following report.

1st. Your Committee beg leave to report having examined and found correct the following accounts and recommed the same for payment, viz :

E. Beltz, police caps	$ 35 00
Saml. Stewart, stoves	39 83
A. B. Powell & Co., police clothing	343 15
E. A. Taylor, police station	17 60
E. A. Taylor, sundries	35 65
Southam & Brierley, printing	2 25
Free Press Printing Co	78 25
	$551 17

2nd Your Committee recommend that the steam boilers recently constructed under the City Hall be insured for the sum of $2,000.

3rd. That Mr. James Mackenzie be allowed the use of cellar underneath his store in the City Hall buildings.

4th. That all appeals on assessment and for reduction of taxes be referred to the Court of Revision, to be dealt with as promptly as possible.

5th. That finding the action of the Court of Revision in finally disposing of the appeals referred to it by this Committee, ratepayers who have made appeals be allowed the 5 per cent. rebate when their taxes are paid promptly afterwards.

Ald. Pritchard moved that the appeals against assessment be entertained and examined by the Finance Committee, except such case as can de dealt with by the Court of Revision, seconded by Ald. Love. Lost.

Yeas.—Alds. Pritchard, Smyth, Jones,

Stringer, Love, Milroy, Higgins, Boyd, Scarrow and Buckler.—9.

Nays.—Alds. Smyth, Wilson, Murray, O'Mara, Cowan, Ferguson, Adams, Rayner, Partridge, Sharman.—10

Report adopted.

BOARD OF WORKS.

Ald. Smyth, Chairman of the Board of Works, submitted the following report:—

1st. Your Board have examined accounts and passed them for payment:

Pay sheet, week ending Nov. 30th, 1881	$159 89
Wm. Anthistle, gravel	91 12
Ferguson, lumber	478 20
	$729 12

2nd. Your Board would respectfully make the following recommendation, that the petition of James Taylor relative to a defective box drain, be granted.

3rd. The petition of Thos. Green & Co. for repairs to sidewalk opposite their premises on Bathurst St. be granted.

4th. That Blackfriar's Hill and gutter on east side and sidewalk on west side be put in repair and walk extended to the bridge, also sidewalk at Kensington Bridge.

5th. That cedar block crossing be put down on the following streets. Corner of Wellington and Dundas street west side, corner of William and Dundas streets east side, corner of Wellington and York streets west side, corner of Richmond street and Queen's Avenue east side.

6th. The communication of A. B. Powell and Co., relative to water Commissioners on cedar block pavement. Referred to City Engineer.

7th. That Mr. Cathro's tender for felt roofing at Police Station for the sum of $95 be accepted.

8th. That the Salary Committee be instructed to report the amount to be paid to the City Engineer in accordance with resolution of the Council.

FURTHER REPORT

1st. Your Board have examined the following accounts and passed them for payment:

Pay sheet week ending Dec. 7th, 1881, $231.58

Wm Anthistle, gravel	64 00
H. M. Douglas, gravel	20 00
Ben Johnson, sewers	757 00
John Kennedy, foreman sewers	150 00
Wm. Howie, sidewalks	400 00
	$1,622 58

2nd. Your Board would make the following recommendation that the petition of W. R. Rooks, for damage sustained by him in relation to sewer, amounting to $27, be granted.

3rd. That Mrs. Galena be permitted to tap the main sewer on Dundas street, and the engineer employ a competent person to oversee the said work on behalf of the city, Mrs. Galena paying all expenses.

Before the report was considered Ald. Smyth in reply to Ald. Pritchard, said that the claim of Mrs. Heaman for damages sustained by the construction of Westminster Bridge, had not been considered by the Board of Works.

Report to 12th December.

1st clause read.

Moved by Ald. Boyd, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that the item to grant Mr. Howie $400, be referred back. Lost.

Yeas—Alds. Pritchard, Stringer and Boyd.

Nays—Alds. Smyth, Wilson, Murray, O'Meara, Cousins, Jones, Love, Milroy, Higgins, Ferguslon, Brown, Scarrow, Buckle, Partridge and Sharman.

Second and third clauses read and adopted.

MARKET.

Ald. Murray, Chairman, read report as follows:

1st. Regarding petition of tennants of market stalls would recommend one-half month rebate of rent.

2nd. That Phillip Cook's stall on King street be taken off his hands.

Received and considered.

1st clause read and adopted.

2nd clause read.

Moved by Ald. Stringer, seconded by Ald Buckle, that the clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Murray, seconded by Ald. Wilson, that the clause be struck out. Carried.

Yeas.—Ald.'s Wilson, Murray, Milroy Love, Higgins, and Partride,

Nays.—Ald.'s Stringer, Cowan, Smyth, and Buckle.

FIRE, WATER AND GAS

Ald. Jones, Chairman, of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee submitted report as follows:—

1st.—Your Committee having examined

the following accounts find them correct.

Monthly pay sheet, F. F.	$281 53
Fodder, F. D	59 78
E. Chantloup, alarm box	65 50
J. E. D. Crawford, repairs	56 25
Hinton, scroll sawing	1 25
W. H. Winnett, lumber	35 20
Essex, Dunn & Co	1 38
Total	$500 00

2nd.—That an alarm box from Nesbit & Anderson be purchased at $55.00.

3rd.—That John Innison be appointed to take the charge of boilers of City Hall for five months' salary, $30 per month and that the City Engineer and Chairman F., W. & G. to define his duties.

4th.—That the gas lamps ordered three months ago be erected at once, and that the City Clerk notify Mr. Duffield to that effect.

Received and considered *seriatim*

First and second clauses read and adopted.

Third clause read.

Moved by Ald. Love and seconded by Ald. Buckle, that the cause be referred to the Committee with instruction to reconsider and report. Lost. Clause adopted.

On motion the report was adopted.

RAILWAY.

Ald. Pritchard submitted the report of Railway Committee.

Your Committee having fully considered the communication of Gibbons, McNab and Mulkern, in reference to our charge on oil shipped over the G. W. R. for Messrs. J. W. McIntosh & Co.

Would recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, on condition that a bond be given satisfactory to the City Solicitor holding the city harmless in case of an adverse verdict.

Received and adopted.

HOSPITAL

Ald. Love, chairman, submitted the following report.

Your Committee duly met. Present—Aldermen Ferguson, Wilson, Scarrow, Wyatt and Love.

1. Relief Officer Hughes presented his report in reference to relief, which was received and adopted, and which showed as follows:—

	Money	Wood
No. 1 Ward	$ 7 00	
" 2 "	12 00	
" 3 "	19 00	
" 4 "	00 00	
" 5 "	4 50	
" 6 "	25 00	½ cord
" 7 "	50	
Total	$68 00	½ cord

2 Mr. Wm. Hinton's account for coffins, supplied and burials amounting to $17.50, was found correct and passed.

3 The usual quarterly report of the Hospital Stewart, was presented and showed as follows:—

Total expenses, $1,823 21; collected from paying patients, $230 15; total amount collected since 1st Jan. 1881, $911.05.

The Hospital Physician presented his report, showing the following statement:—

Patients remaining in Hospital, July 1st	28
Patients remaining in Hospital, September 30th	35
No. admitted	82
" medical	41
" surgical	23
" confinements	1
" births	6
No. discharged	75
" cured	45
" improved	24
" died	6
No. of prescriptions	186
" do. refilled	266
" do. out-patients	20
No. of Physicians' visits: Dr. Edwards	34
Dr. McArthur	6

Report adopted.

The question of advertising for tenders for wood was then taken up, and after considerable discussion it was resolved that advertisements be issued calling for tenders for the supply of 250 cords green and 100 cords dry fire wood at the City Hospital, and that city dealers and others be also requested to tender for the delivery of dry firewood in half cord lots for relief purposes as required.

1. 16th meeting. Present, all the members. Relief Officer Hughes' report, showing a disbursement of $63 cash and 7

cords of wood during October, was duly passed.

2. Tenders for wood were then opened, and Mr. J. T. Cartwright's (Nilestown) tender for 50 cords dry wood at $3 75 was accepted, and Mr. Thomas Frank, lot 15, con. 8, West, tender for 100 cords green at $3 50 per cord was accepted.

Meeting of the Hospital and Relief Committee. Present all the members except Ald. Wyatt.

1. Ald. Adams, Wilson and the Chairman, were instructed to interview the City Wood dealers and procure a supply for the poor, authorized to offer an increase of $1 per cord on the present contractors, and at the following meeting of your Committee on the 23rd inst they recommended the payment to Messrs. Fairgrieve & Co., of $5 per cord until the end of the present month and $4 47½ per month until the end of the present year which report was adopted.

2 Tenders for potatoes were opened and the whole matter referred to the Chairman who reported at this evenings Council meeting that he had closed with the following offers viz :—

John Durand 100 bags at..........75cts
William Hoods 100 bags at.........75cts
Chas. Grant, London township 50 bags at..........................95cts

His action was confirmed.

3. The Chairman was instructed to advertise for a supply of 400 cords of wood, green, and ½ dry, first-class.

4. The tenders being opened for contracting winter sash for City Hospital, the contract was awarded to Wright & Durand at $298 00.

5. Your Committee recommend that the sum of $200 be placed to their credit for relief purposes.

6 Relief Officer Hughes' report of relief supplied for November was received and adopted which showed as follows:

		Wood.	Groceries.
No 1 Ward	11½ cords	$ 7.00	
No. 2 "	4	23 50	$3 23
No. 3 "	7	7 50	
No. 4 "	½	4 00	
No. 5 "	3½	6 00	6 30
No. 6 "	8	32 00	2 00
No. 7 "	2	4 50	

7 The following accounts were found correct and ordered to be paid:—

William Cousins account for groceries, $456 96, to Hospital and $17.75 for relief; Dr. J. Baughs account attendance on one Mis. McLellan, $12 00; Mr. J. Fairgrieves account for wood, amount to $152 55.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Buckle that the consideration of the report be deferred until next meeting and that the clause recommending a grant of $200 be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Ald Buckle, seconded by Ald. Scarrow that the clause be referred back with power to receive tenders, and that Messrs Hargraves supply wood in the meantime at the terms stated by them. Lost. Report adopted.

PRINTING.

Ald. Higgins, chairman of the Printing Committee submitted the following report.

1st. Your Committee beg leave to report having met and examined the following accounts and recommend the same to Finance Committee for payment, Southam & Brierly account amounting to $2 35 recommend the same for payment your Committee however cannot but express their disapproval of the action of Ald. Murray in ordering said work without an order from the chairman of the Printing Committee,

2nd. Herald printing account $66 14
3rd. Free Press Printing Co. $78 25
4th. E. A. Taylor for stationery $53.25
Total $199 89.

NOTICES ON MOTION.

Ald. Browne—That the 5th and 6th clauses on the duties of the Market Committee be expunged from the by-laws.

Ald. Buckle—That bonds to the following amounts be required by city officials: Assessors, $2,000 each; Clerk, $1,000, City Engineer, $2,000; Clerk of Weigh Scales. $2 000.

Council adjourned for two week.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Dec. 27th 1881.

The Council met last night, His Worship the Mayor in the chair. Present—Aldermen Pritchard, Murray, Cowan, O'Meara, Jones, Stringer, Love, Milroy, Higgins, Ferguson, Browne, Adams, Boyd, Buckle, Sharman, Partridge.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and the following

COMMUNICATIONS

read by the City Clerk :

From the Chairman of the public meeting of Monday last, enclosing the resolution passed on the motion of Mr. Essery, seconded by Ald. Buckle, asking that certain questions be placed on the ballot papers.

From Robert Scott, asking for appointment as assessor in the stead of Mr. Wallace. Finance and Assessment Committee.

From A. Cleghorn, asking the City Council to endorse the charter of the London Junction Railway to Port Burwell. Railway Committee.

From M. D. Dawson & Co., relative to the printing contract. Printing Committee.

From Louis Adams, applying for the position of Relief Inspector. Referred to the Hospital and License Committees to consider the advisability of amalgamating the positions of License Inspector and Relief Officer.

From D. Huges, presenting his resignation for the above office. Accepted.

From the Women's Christian Association, asking them for a grant to assist them in their good work. Finance Committee.

From the City Solicitor, giving notice that the Board would require to make the appointment of two trustees for the Collegiate Institute in the stead of Messrs. J. Christie and J. W. Jones.

Moved by Ald. Cowan, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the resignation of Mr. C. Hughes as Relief Officer and Inspector be accepted, and that all applications for the office be referred to the Hospital and Relief Committee to consider the propriety of amalgamating the positions vacated by Mr. Hughes with that of License Inspector and report at next meeting Carried.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Smyth, that in accordance with a resolution passed at a public meeting held yesterday. The question therein stated be submitted to the electors and that a separate bollot paper be prepared, to be used at the coming municipal election and that a colum be placed giving the electors the opportunity to state the number of Aldermen they desire. Also whether they desire to abolish wards altogether and that it be referred to city solicitor to carry this resolution into effect. Carried.

The following candidates were then nominated for High School Trustees. The vote recorded was:

First ballot.—Ald. Jones, 11; Ald. Love, 9; Ald. Brown 4; Mr. John Christie, 11.

Second ballot.—Ald. Jones, 8; Ald. Love, 11; Mr. J. Christie, 11.

Ald. Love and John Christie were declared elected.

The by-law appointing them trustees was read, the requisite number of times passed.

BOARD OF WORKS.

Ald. Smyth, Chairman of the Board of Works, submitted the following report:

1st. Your Board have examined the following accounts and referred them for payment :—

Pay sheet week ending December 14, '81	$ 99 50
Charles Ware, paving, &c	115 50
Wm. Anthistle's ac., gravel	11 81
Stevens, Turner & Burns	264 50
Paul Phipps, culverts	21 99
Pay sheet week ending December 21, '81	118 42
Wm. Anthistle, gravel	42 75
Total	$674 47

2nd. Your Board would especially make the following recommendation : That a plank sidewalk be laid west of Masonic Temple.

3rd. That the claim of Drs. Edwards and McAlpine, for damage to horse and buggy, amounting to $8, be paid.

4th. That the gravel pit opened on Wellington street by the city, opposite the property of Mr. J. E Leonard, be filled up according to agreement made by your board with the petitioner, Mr. Leonard

5. That the Council instruct your Board to take such steps as may deemed necessary in accordance with by law to proceed legally against parties taking gravel from the pit on Wellington street

6 That the petition of John Heaman for alleged loss to his business on account of Westminster Bridge not being printed by July 1st, be fyled, the City Solicitor being of opinion that the Council is not liable.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by ——— that one half of Mr. Heaman's taxes be remitted.

Ruled out of order.

Ald. Higgins moved, seconded by Ald Buckle, that the second clause be amended to read that an asphalt sidewalk be laid. Carried.

FAIR GROUND.

Ald. Partridge, Chairman of the Exhibition Committee submitted, the following report :—

London, Nov. 28th, 1881.

Your Committee recommend the passing of the following accounts, and also all work performed by contract subject to the appraisement of the valuators appointed by this Council:

H. Mulrooney, accounts	$ 757 56
B Johnston	93 00
U. Ward	169 80
Vincent, painting coops	117 50
H. Colrick	6 87
Blacksmith work	8 75
J. G. Scragg	27 00
Christie & Howie, Secretary's office	440 08
Christie & Howie, ladies' water closets	111 51
Christie & Howie, men's water closet	145 82
Christie & Howie, superintendent's office	149 60
Christie & Howie, cattle, sheep and pig pens	512 42
Total	$2,953 68

With respect to the communications of C. P, Johnston & Co. and Messrs. Woodevance and Jackson, your Committee report progress.

That the account of James Thornton for extras be referred back to the Engineer for adjustment.

We would recommended that the account of Wm. Cousins, amounting to $46 60, be paid.

Dec. 13th, 1881.

Your Committee would recommend that the report of Messrs. Wm. Robinson and Thos. Green, the valuators appointed by this Council, be adopted.

Also that the account of Robt. Lewis for wall paper, amounting to $5, be paid.

That the account of M. Mulrooney for extras, amounting to $10, be referred to the Engineer and the Chairman of the Board of Works.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Sharman, that the report be referred to the Special Committee. Carried.

Ald. Buckle, seconded by Ald. Scarrow, moved that the account of Wm. Cousins be struck out. Lost.

Council adjourned for want of a quorum

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Dec. 30th 1881.

The Council met at twelve o'clock, His Worship the Mayor in the chair. Present—Aldermen Pritchard, Smyth, Wilson, Murray, Cowan, O'Meara, Jones, Stringer, Love, Milroy, Partridge, Higgins, Ferguson, Adams, Raynor and Buckle.

His Worship stated that the meeting was convened to consider and decide upon the manner by which the questions are to be submitted to the electors as ordered by the Council at last meeting.

On motion, the City Solicitor was heard.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald, Buckle, that deputy polling clerks and polling places be appointed as near as possible to the present polling places, and that it be an open vote.

Ald. Stringer moved, in amendment, seconded by Ald. Cowan, that the questions be postponed, and that they be submitted on the first Monday in February, 1882. Lost.

Motion carried.

The following poll clerks were appointed:—1st Ward, Lavendor Haylock, 1st division; James M. Cousins, 2nd division.

2nd Ward, Aswold Baynes, 1st division; John Harris, 2nd division.

3rd Ward, James Dunbar, 1st division; Archibald McPhail, 2nd division.

4th Ward, Peter Weston.

5th Ward, John Fleming, 1st division; Francis Foreman, 2nd division.

6th Ward, James Jury, 1st division, M. Birmingham's house, corner Colbourne and Bond streets; Edward Screaton, 2nd division, John Martin's house, corner of Maitland and Pall Mall streets.

7th Ward, John Burnett.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Cowan, that the returning officer be empowered to appoint the polling places and substitute for any of the above polling clerks who may decline to act. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.